(c) It is not practicable to state the *total* income from rural post because assessment of income is d out only in respect of cxtra- tces and that also once in three years. Departmental post lined on a peri' basis in rural areas are not subject to periodical assessment of income is it practicable to. state with any degree q£ accuracy what the total diture on rural postal n -is because apart from the pay ind i to employees posted in rural areas and other direct expenses such as rents, there are supervisory overheads at various levels which cannot be conveniently apportioned as between 'Urban' and 'rural'.

Statement

1. Percentage of Plan funds sPent on rural postal services ("Opening of new post offices in rural areas")

1985-86	0.0s
1986-87	0.09

2. Percentage of estimated Plan expenditure on rural postal services ("Opening of new post offices in rural areas")

1987-88	1.43
1988-89	6.8

Speedy Post Service to Eolpur Shantiniketan

1896. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased tq state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Bolpur Shantiniketan with a speedy post service; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply abqve. The Principal requirement for the introduction of ttii$_s$ service is the availability of air service with suitable arrival/departure timings vis-avis despatch and receipt of mail. The proposed service from Bolpur, Shanti-niketan does not fulfil this requirement.

Prices of Vitamin A and Vitamin C

1897. SHRIMATI SATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be^ pleased to refer to the answer to Juestion 68i given in the Rajya gabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether t that the producers of Vitamin A and Vitamin C have increased their prices;

(b) if so$_i$ whether' the producers have provided the break-up as required under DPCO, 1987 before increasing th$_e$ Prices; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies which submitted the break-up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL *RAD}:* (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The names of the companies who submitted the break-up are:

1. Vitamin A

   M/s. Roche Products Ltd. M/s. Kerala stat$_e$ Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

2. Vitamin C

   M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Enterprises,

Push-button Telephones to MP$_S$

1898. SHRI SURA J PRASAD: Will th$_e$ Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether push-button telephone instruments have been provided to th$_e$ Members of Parliament and other VIPs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof.

(c) whether telephone instruments of ex-MPs in Delhi will also be replaced by push-button telephones; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir